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Sir:

Please accept the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed
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Remarks

Claims 1-17 are pending in this Application. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,787,175 to Carter (Carter). Claims 3-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,798,360 to Feistel (Feistel). The Examiner objected to claims 6, 8, 12 and 14 as being dependent upon rejected base claims but as otherwise being allowable. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections.

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 as anticipated by Carter. Claim 1 provides a method for the secure handling of information encrypted to a data set. The data set

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